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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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1. (Twice Amended) A sample temperature regulator comprising:

a heating block having a receptacle formed therein as a sample container holder, said heating block attaching a temperature-controllable heater;

a cooling block separate from said heating block and having a cooling mechanism; and

a connecting plate separate from said heating block and said cooling block and being positioned between and attaching the heating block with respect to the cooling block;

wherein the connecting plate is made of a material having a thermal conductivity lower than those of these two blocks.

7. A sample temperature regulator comprising:

a heating block having a sample container holder and a temperature-controllable heater;

a cooling block having a cooling mechanism; and

a connecting plate for combining the heating block and the cooling block with each other;

wherein the connecting plate is made of a material having a thermal conductivity lower than those of these two blocks; and

a refluxing block which is brought into contact with an upper port of a sample container.

8. The sample temperature regulator according to claim 7, wherein the cooling block is combined with a plurality of heating blocks.

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